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Testimony regarding HB 5050
Changing the International Symbol of Access
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Senator Cassano, Rep. Jutila and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee

My name is Laura Behr and I am involved with the advocacy group, Second Thoughts Ct. I am also physically challenged.

I do agree to keep the International Symbol of Access, the way it was first designed in 1968.

I am in strong opposition to HB 5050. Altering the sign, will distort some of society's view of the physically challenged, as well as cause confusion for some members of the disabled community. There definitely are many more issues affecting the physically and mentally challenged person, like life sustaining medical equipment , medication and in home care. That is to name a few. Let us not waste, hard earned tax payers dollars , needlessly. Instead, let Ct. put money , time and energy into more important issues that really matter most in life. Thank you for your consideration.